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A preliminary plan for the eradication of plague in Chinatown, as agreed upon by Dr. Gardner, personal representative of the governor; Dr. A. P. O'Brien, city board of health, and Drs. Glennan and Blue for the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.

1. Dr. Matthew Gardner, representing the State, will pay three medical inspectors, two sanitary inspectors, and two Chinese interpreters.

2. The city board of health will begin immediately the extermination of rats by means of traps and poison, employing three sewer men for the purpose. Fifty additional traps will be supplied for this work. The city agrees also to disinfect immediately all infected places, and will cause the renovation of such habitations in a satisfactory manner to the health authorities.

3. The city further agrees to have the streets of the Chinese district thoroughly swept at least three times a week, and the same flushed with water once a week. A per capita price will be paid for rats found in Chinatown. An extra effort will be made for the removal of garbage and the sanitation of back areas, etc.

4. The United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service will exercise immediate supervision over this work in conjunction with State and city authorities, and will furnish for the prosecution of the work a bacteriologist and laboratory, three medical officers (more if needed), and two Chinese interpreters.

Finally it is agreed that all cases of plague shall be reported to the proper authorities; that all inspectors shall report daily at 641 Merchant street, United States plague laboratory, for instructions; that inspectors shall be required to make daily reports of their observations and the number of sick and dead seen by them. Their whole time shall be devoted to such duties.

That the Chinese make every concession toward a thorough inspection of all the sick and dead in Chinatown.

The above work to be continued for at least one year from date of adoption of the plan.

The city board of health agrees to recommend to the board of public works and to the board of supervisors that Dupont street be paved with bitumen from California street to Broadway street.

The city board of health to immediately memorialize the board of supervisors to provide sufficient funds for the purpose of carrying out the obligations assumed by it herein.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY HALL,
San Francisco, Cal., February 10, 1903.

DR. A. H. GLENNAN,

Surgeon, P. H. and M. H. S., 641 Merchant Street, City.

DEAR SIR: At a special meeting of the board of health held Monday February 9, 1903, the preliminary plan for the eradication of contagious disease in Chinatown agreed upon by the representatives of the State, Marine-Hospital Service, and the city board of health was presented by Dr. A. P. O'Brien, health officer, and adopted by resolution of the board, with certain additions in amendments which do not sub-

stantially alter the plan of action, but are assumptions of certain obligations of detail by this board.

I am, respectfully, yours,

JAMES A. EMERY, *Secretary.*

Letter sent to health officers at Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Sacramento, Davisville, Stockton, Fresno, Bakersfield, Watsonville, Los Angeles, etc.

641 MERCHANT STREET,
San Francisco, Cal., February 10, 1903.

Dr. _____,
Health Officer, _____, Cal.

DEAR DOCTOR: The Federal, State, and city health authorities, working in complete harmony, commence a careful medical and sanitary inspection of Chinatown, in this city, to-day, to continue over a considerable period of time.

It has been claimed that in past investigations in this district, when the inspection is followed up closely, that some sick Chinese have left or been sent away for other Chinese quarters in the State, with the liability of spreading infectious disease. Pardon us, Doctor, if we suggest that from this time you cause the Chinese quarter in your city to be kept under close surveillance, especially for Chinese arriving from San Francisco. The inspection in this city will be systematic and thorough, and in case we detect the departure of sick Chinese for your locality we will promptly wire you the fact. We also wish to say that we will be glad to quickly give you the temporary services of an expert, upon telegraphic request, in case you detect any suspicious sickness.

Yours, very truly,

M. GARDNER,
Representative State Board Health.

A. P. O'BRIEN,
Health Officer, San Francisco.

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, P. H. and M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and Cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Fresno.*—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 15,000. Total number of deaths, 28; including enteric fever, 2, and 3 from tuberculousis.

Los Angeles.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 135,000. Total number of deaths, 256; including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 6; whooping cough, 2, and 67 from tuberculousis.

Oakland.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 83,000. Total number of deaths, 113, including diphtheria, 2; scarlet fever, 4, and 14 from tuberculousis.

San Diego.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 36, including 5 from tuberculousis.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month